Project on Farm Income Insurance Scheme (FIIS), Varsha Bima Yojana and other agriculture related schemes floated by Private General Insurance Companies.

(ii) Improvements required in NAIS.

(iii) To develop broad parameters/concept paper of an appropriate and farmers' friendly crop insurance scheme after taking into account the professional inputs obtained from experts and private sector general insurance companies.

(iv) To make an assessment of up-front subsidy, if any, to be paid by the Government.

(c) The Group was required to submit its report by 31st October, 2004.

Financial irregularities at AIIMS

*60. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of serious financial irregularities in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, as pointed out by audit recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether responsibility therefor has been fixed on the concerned officers, particularly those who failed to recover loans and advances running into lakhs of rupees given to the officers and staff;

(c) if so, the names of said officers of the rank of section heads and above; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against those responsible for creating financial mess?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) The Audit Inspection Report for the period from 1.4.2002 to 31.3.2003 on the accounts of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, has been received in April, 2004 from the

office of Director General of Audit. In some of the Audit paras, the Audit has pointed out certain financial irregularities such as irregular payment of transport allowance, irregular payment of conveyance allowance, non-recovery of scooter advance, irregular payment of bonus to Group B officers, loss on account of irregular grant of financial assistance to faculty members, irregular payment of honorarium to some of the staff members, irregular payment of academic allowance to Group B officers, irregular payment on account of journeys undertaken by foreign airlines, etc.

Immediately on receipt of the audit report, the institute was directed to take immediate steps in this regard. The institute has informed that during the audit of the accounts of current year (2003-2004) conducted before 12.7.2004 to 17.9.2004, replies to 29 audit paras have been furnished for settlement. No further communication in this regard has been received from the Audit so far. For replies in respect of the remaining audit paras, necessary action has already been initiated by the institute.

In respect of irregularity regarding non-recovery of loan and advances granted to officers and staff, there is only one item in the Audit Inspection Report of 2002-2003 pertaining to non-recovery of scooter advance. The recovery has already been started from respective staff. No responsibility has been fixed by AIIMS in this regard.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Drought relief to Kerala

183. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal received from Government of Kerala seeking drought relief assistance from NCCF is pending with Government for sanction, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government assessed the loss sustained by deputing Central team; if so, the loss ascertained; and

(c) whether Government consider to release the assistance sought by the State Government; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?